



ST. AGATHA'S PARISH

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30th July 2017

Readings

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; 2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30; Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 31 July: 6.30am
 Saint Ignatius of Loyola
 Wednesday 2 August: 9am
 Thursday 3 August: 9am
 Saint Dominic
 Friday 4 August: 9am
 Saint John Vianney

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm
 (1st Rite of Reconciliation:
 Saturday 4.30pm)
 Sunday 7.00am
 9.00am
 5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

JULY

• Monday 31st
 SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish
 Office

AUGUST

• Tuesday 1st
 Youth Ministry Meeting 6.45pm
 Parish Office
 • Monday 7th or Tuesday 8th
 Parent Information night
 (Confirmation) 7pm, APAC,
 St Agatha's School
 SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish
 Office



We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose.
 (Letter to the Romans)

Dear friends,

Jesus offers us a series of parables in the gospel this Sunday. In the first parable, we hear of someone – maybe a labourer working in a field – finding a buried treasure. This probably isn't as fanciful as it might seem. In the days before banks and financial institutions, the only real way to protect your money was to hide it or bury it. So perhaps finding buried treasure wasn't that unusual. What is unusual is what happens next. He doesn't claim the treasure; he buries it again, sells everything and buys the field. It is not the treasure that has taken hold of him; it's the joy of discovery. Then there is the hard-working merchant who makes his living looking for pearls. This isn't just a job; he has a love of pearls. And in amongst all the pearls that he has seen, there is one that he values as beyond compare. For all the routine of the job, there is something that jumps out at him; that takes hold of him and he lets everything else go in pursuit of the priceless pearl. Then we have the net of the kingdom which grabs hold of everything – good and bad alike. It should be a relief to us that the kingdom isn't just for the good; there is the hope of conversion for the bad as well.

What marks all these parables is the joy of surprise and the freedom that it brings. And the surprise happens among the ordinary rhythm of things. Each of these people accept the discovery with joy, find a new freedom to let go of everything else – that's what the imagery of selling everything means – and in so doing, they allow themselves to be filled with what they have discovered. Jesus tells us to be prepared for the surprise in amongst the ordinary routine of life. Keep seeking. Keep searching. If we keep an eye open we need to be prepared to be amazed at what we discover.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

When Jesus spoke, he used simple words and images which were examples taken from daily life, in order to be easily understood by all. This is why they listened to him willingly and appreciated his message which directly touched their heart. And it was not that complicated language which was difficult to understand, as that used by the Doctors of the Law of that time, which was not easily understood, was very rigid and distanced people. And with this language Jesus made the mystery of the Kingdom of God understood; it was not complicated theology.



This weekend welcome Br. Bill Tynan for the annual **Catholic Mission Appeal.**

The poster for this year's appeal features Sister Mary Goretti holding a baby girl during a health outreach talk to expectant and new mothers at an outstation in Bujuni Parish, three hours west of Uganda's capital city of Kampala. Sister Mary is responsible for the running of St Luke Bujuni Health Centre, which provides the parish's 15,000-strong population with affordable, quality healthcare, regardless of faith. Inspired by the Gospel of John, *'I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full'* (John 10:10), the **2017 Catholic Mission Church Appeal** focuses on the life-giving work of Sister Mary and her staff at St Luke's with women and children.

Being the most affordable health centre with a maternity ward in the region, each month St Luke's sees an influx of high risk pregnancies. Sister Mary and her staff are all trained medical professionals, working tirelessly to provide for the many women and children facing potentially dire situations. Yet St Luke's is vastly under-resourced and in urgent need of financial support and prayers. In Uganda bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger, with expectant mothers forced to take unthinkable risks to receive essential healthcare. St Luke's covers a vast geographical area, and as much of the population live in remote places, which are largely inaccessible by car, many expectant mothers have no other choice but to ride on the back of a motorbike for several hours to reach the health centre.

Sister Mary and her staff are all trained medical professionals, working tirelessly to provide for the many women and children facing potentially dire situations. Yet, St Luke's is vastly under-resourced to care for all the women and children in their time of need, especially with the influx of high risk pregnancies among the many expectant mothers.

To help ensure that expectant mothers and their babies do not lose their lives prematurely, St Luke's desperately needs to expand the maternity ward, build a new children's ward and provide an ambulance for mothers, children and others in remote locations in their time of critical need.

This appeal invites parishioners to support women and children's health through Jesus' healing ministry which is part of the life-giving mission, helping missionaries like Sister Mary reach out and give life in Uganda and all around the world.

RELAUNCH of ST AGATHA'S PARISH CARE & CONCERN MINISTRY

This service is provided for individuals in our community who require short term assistance with transport and meal provision. Complete anonymity is granted to those wanting to make use of this service.

See brochures at the rear of the church. Everything will be co-ordinated through the Parish office.

Phone: 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

Short course on LEARNING TO THINK THEOLOGICALLY: POPE FRANCIS' WITNESS AND TEACHING

Course dates: 7, 14, 21 and 28 August 2017 | Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: ACU Leadership Centre, Level 3, 229 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

Registration Fee: \$50/person (attendance only) or \$100/person (includes a Certificate of Attendance).

Free for all current ACU students (not requiring a Certificate of Attendance).

- * How can we think theologically with Pope Francis?
- * How are Pope Francis' actions and teaching formed by his theological way of thinking?
- * In what way do Pope Francis' spirituality and background form his theology?

Registration required by Friday 4 August. Information and registration: acu.edu.au/theology/shortcourses

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently:

Helen Ryan, Sr Rose Cavallo, Margaret Wilson

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Cardinal Joseph Cardijn, Fr Owen Oxenham, Mona Moynihan, Marie MacGinley, Fr William McCarthy, Emily Sherman, Peita Dodson, Pam McBride, Bill Wallin, Laurence & Eileen Quinlan, Fr Tom Gard, Shawn Macgroarty

Those who are sick:

Kahyam Baines, Lorraine Atkinson-McEwen, Camille Butler-Storms, Mary Ann Marcelo, Paul Gaynor, Michael Hogan, Harry Akhil, Isabel Leddick, Carmel Elms, Helen Orosz, Lisa Bowes, Sophia Horrocks, Mario Di Filippo, Betty Beaton, Norma Fiore, Joan Healy, Rakesh Akhil, Dell McHugh, Fr Michael Cooney, Craig Gerran, Ken Kipping, Paul White, Edward Clark, Joyce Rodgers, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Val Boevinlic, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Ann Tully, Matthew Gray, Frank Wilkie, Patrick Gallagher, Eileen Clarke, Rob Bruce, Mel Purwo, Hellen Passente

SVDP WINTER APPEAL



The St Agatha's SVDP Conference will be conducting its Winter Appeal during June/July.

Envelopes will be placed on the church seats. The Conference visits people in a large area from Pinkenba to Bowen Hills, assisting families and single people, with food vouchers, clothing and furniture. Any donations will be gratefully appreciated. Please use the envelopes provided.

If paying by cheque, please make it payable to "St Agatha's Clayfield SVDP Conference".

Thank you on behalf of the people that the SVDP assist.

ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2017

Sacrament of Confirmation | For all children in Year 3 and above

Parent Information Evening: Monday 7 August 7pm or Tuesday 8 August 7pm

Venue: APAC, St Agatha's School

(N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions)

Rite of Enrolment: 12/13 August at any of the Masses

Mass times: Saturday 5.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm

For further information call Jane Cameron at the Parish office: 3262 2859

or go onto our website: www.clayfieldparish.org.au

CONFIRMATION CEREMONY NIGHT Tuesday 12 September - 5pm or 7pm



THIS WEEKEND OUR PARISH IS CONDUCTING THE CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL. WE WELCOME BROTHER BILL TYNAN WHO WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER AT ALL THE MASSES THIS WEEKEND

In Bujuni, a remote parish deep in the heart of Uganda, bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger. Many women take great risks to get to the nearest affordable maternity ward at St Luke Bujuni Health Centre. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff, the health centre does not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers. Sadly, the potential consequences can be tragic.

With your support through Catholic Mission, Sister Goretti is hoping to expand St Luke's and provide essential services for women and children.

Please give generously to support women and children's health through Jesus' life-giving mission today. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/uganda

ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE ON CHURCH PEWS.

A SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP AFTER BR BILL'S TALK.

Please feel free to take envelopes home and return next week or place in the normal parish collections.



VOCATIONS NOVENA

(V9) Prayer Campaign 2017

Nine weeks of prayer for vocations in the
Archdiocese of Brisbane
11 June - 6 August 2017



VOCATION BRISBANE | ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

CATHEDRAL HOUSE
229 Elizabeth Street (GPO BOX 282)
Brisbane QLD 4001
1300 133 544 | vocation@bne.catholic.net.au



Parishioner looking for a wheelchair accessible rental property in the area so he can be close to his children and family. If you have a suitable property and need a great long term tenant, or know someone who does, please contact the parish office 3262 2859.

PARISH ROSTERS - Please arrange a substitute if you are unavailable on your rostered day.

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

29/30 July	Edward Foley Cate Barrett	Sr Cecily Foster Aleira Egan	Michael Crutcher Ryan Smethurst Heidi Cooper	Life Teen Mass
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5/6 Aug	Graham Gibson Julie-Anne Gibson	Rafael Chase Ruby Chase	Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock Peter Gilroy	Life Teen Mass
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COMMUNION MINISTERS:

29/30 July	Ann Goves	Helen Roberts	Julianne Ryan	Life Teen Mass
5/6 Aug	Edward Foley	Paulette Archer	Erin Bledsoe	Life Teen Mass

ORGANISTS:

29/30 July	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
5/6 Aug	Volunteer	Mark Leung	Catriona McPherson	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

29/30 July	Milla Brady Laura Barrett	Volunteer/s	Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey Milly Ryan	Caitlin Marshall Eve Ryan Claire Ryan
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5/6 Aug	Felicity Shepherd Charlotte Shepherd	Volunteer/s	Bart Marino Amelia Marino Billy Crutcher Daniel Benjamin	Caitlin Marshall Sharon Mathew
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

30 July			Julie Kordic and Ewa Marino-Cebulski	
6 Aug			Ewan McPherson and Susan De Medici	

SANCTUARY CARERS:

5 Aug	Victor Podesta			
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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

We hold a preparation session for baptism on the first Sunday of the month after the 9.00am Mass.

We celebrate baptism on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month

For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

This weekend we welcome Tom Zaranski, Damien Everitt and Matthew Hasking (year 6 students from Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo)

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday 15 August

9.00am Mass and a 7.00pm Mass will be celebrated on this day.

SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

On Tuesday 8 August 2017, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate the 10.00am Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen for the Feast Day of our Archdiocesan patron, Saint Mary MacKillop.

All are welcome to attend the Mass and morning tea. There will be no reserved seating in the Cathedral and seating will be limited, so early arrival is advisable. Following Mass, there will be morning tea in the Cathedral precinct. If you wish to stay for morning please reply to rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au for catering purposes.

GOOD READS FROM ST AGATHA'S LIBRARY

The library has some interesting new books this week. Come and look at our display. Especially recommended is

Father Richard Leonard's guide to living in today's world, "What Does It All Mean?" Also there are some wonderful books of spiritual poetry.



SCHOOL NEWS

This week we celebrated Catholic Education Week across the State of Queensland. At St Agatha's we celebrated with Miss Keating at her Retirement Mass on Thursday. Many past teachers and parents attended this important blessing and farewell for Miss Keating, as she begins another component of her life journey. The Administration Team from St Rita's joined our Leadership Team for morning tea on Friday to also celebrate Catholic Education Week. The Leadership Teams from St Agatha's and St Rita's meet each Semester to discuss current trends in education, and to offer professional and local support for our school goals.

Peace to you and your family, *Carol Sayers, Principal*

MUSICIAN'S ADVENT WORKSHOP WITH LITURGY BRISBANE

Saturday September 9

Holy Spirit Seminary | \$15 per person
A great day of fun, networking and useful information. More information at www.liturgybrisbanemusic.weebly.com

Readings - The Transfiguration of the Lord - 6 August 2017

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19; Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9